

"It's nothing serious," she laughed, "but I had to call you. I'm stuck in the mud. If you will please catch this line so the boat will be safe I can wade ashore."

"I think I have a better way," he said. And throwing off his shoes he went into the water and pulled the boat from the shallow place.

"I believe you must be my neighbor," she said. "When I took the house the agent said no one would likely occupy the large house for some time, as it was for sale."

"Yes, we bought it," said Kirk.

"You see, we came — where we thought no one would be disturbed by—the noise. I wonder now if you have heard it."

It was Kirk's turn to be embarrassed.

"Oh, I see you have. I might as well confess. 'Murder will out.' I'm studying a big part. If I succeed in this, my way is clear. I shall be where I have hoped so long. It has a tremendous hysterical scene in it, and old Madame Grandet is a terrible taskmistress. She makes me go over and over it until it suits her. Oh, dear! I wonder what you thought!"

When Kirk got up the courage to tell her, her laughter rang out so merrily Kirk was induced to join in!"

Mrs. Kirk reversed her decision and called. And now the question is whether Grace Ansley will give up her profession when she becomes Mrs. Ogden Kirk, or whether she shall make her great debut. He is quite willing she shall have her way. (Copyright, 1917, W. G. Chapman.)

#### TODAY IN ILLINOIS HISTORY

March 19, 1849. — California emigrants. Ten wagons passed through Springfield on their way to California. The adventurers numbered some 35, among them were many women and children. They hailed from the neighborhood of Indianapolis and had been four weeks in reaching Springfield.

#### RETURNS TO WASHINGTON SOCIETY



MRS. F. B. KELLOGG

Mrs. Kellogg is back again in Washington society, where she was popular during the Roosevelt administration, when her husband, the new senator from Minnesota, made a reputation as the "trust buster."

Girls, parasols whose inside lining represents one huge flower are to be the summer fad. Will you be a modest little violet or a glaring squash blossom?